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SUBJECT: ROK WILL CONSIDER JOINT DEMARCHE TO INDONESIA,  
SUGGESTS U.S. HOST FIRST APDP MEETING OF 2008

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11. (C) In a March 20 meeting, Jang Hyun-cheol, MOFAT Deputy Director for Human Rights and Social Affairs, said that the ROK would consider the proposal to jointly demarche Indonesia on the non-paper and Indonesia's active participation in the Asia-Pacific Democracy Partnership (APDP). Mr. Jang said he understood the U.S.'s view on firmly establishing APDP as a functional grouping before agreeing upon a statement of principles for the APDP.

12. (C) Jang suggested that the U.S., as the principal driver behind the concept of the APDP, host during the first half of 2008 the first meeting of the APDP after it is firmly established as a functional grouping. Jang suggested informally that holding the meeting in late April or early May might be most optimal for the ROK, after President Lee Myung-bak's visit to Washington D.C. in mid-April.  
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